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Safe Summer Initiative Press Conference
Mayor Reed and City Officials Discuss Plans
for Keeping San José Youth Safe this Summer

Event: Mayor Chuck Reed, District Attorney Dolores Carr, Supervisor Blanca Alvarado, Police Chief Rob Davis, and San José mom and Clean Slate program graduate will present the **Safe Summer Initiative** at a press conference Friday morning.

The **Safe Summer Initiative** is presented by the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force to keep local youth safe and prevent gang involvement during the summer months.

When: **Press Conference- Friday, June 27, 2008**
9:00 a.m. to 9:20 a.m. – Remarks from Speakers
9:20 a.m. - Questions & Answers

Where: San José City Hall, West Plaza, outside the Rotunda
200 E. Santa Clara Street
San José, CA 95113

Who: Mayor Chuck Reed, City of San José
Rob Davis, San José Police Chief
Dolores Carr, Santa Clara County District Attorney
Blanca Alvarado, Santa Clara County Supervisor
Veronica Flores, Clean Slate Graduate

Background: The Safe Summer Initiative's will keep local youth safe this summer by providing recreation activities that will keep them busy and engaged. "As our schools let out for the summer, it is vital that we provide all youth with recreation opportunities," said Mayor Chuck Reed. "Recreation activities provide a positive alternative to gangs, but often the kids who need these activities the most are least likely to participate in our city's summer activities."

The initiative is designed to specifically address prevention, intervention and suppression for high-risk populations. In order to provide these programs, the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force is awarding mini-grants of up to \$50,000 to community-based organizations to fund activities that such as street outreach, extended community center hours, sporting tournaments, and youth outings will receive funding in order to target the at-risk population.